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SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE: STATUS OF
. TRADE STUDY GROUP SECTOR STUDIES

REF: (A) STATE 110377, (B) STATE 99740,
. (C) TOKYO 6486, (D) STATE 91791

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF D, EMBASSY PREPARED COMPREHENSIVE
REPORT ON STATUS OF INDUSTRY SECTOR RESEARCH BY
JOINT U.S.-JAPAN TRADE STUDY GROUP (TSG), WHICH WAS
TRANSMITTED AS REF C FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF
SIMILAR REQUEST IN REF B. SUGGEST OFFICE WHICH
DRAFTED REFS A AND B REVIEW CONTENTS OF REF C.

2. RE EMBASSY ACTION OFFICERS LISTED REF B, NAMES
ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR "TRACTORS AND PARTS"
(CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY--SEE PARA 4, REF C); ACTION
OFFICER IS GREGG A. RUBINSTEIN. (THIS INFORMATION WAS
PROVIDED TO GLICK BY BENSON IN APRIL 20 TELECON,
TO BE CONVEYED TO EA/EP.)

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3. RE REQUEST FOR TSG STUDIES IN "PRELIMINARY FORM"
(PARA 2, REF B), IT HAS BEEN AGREED BY TSG THAT ONLY
"FINAL" REPORTS SHOULD BE RELEASED OUTSIDE THE TSG.
ACCJ MEMBERS ARE PARTICULARLY INSISTENT ON THIS POINT,
ESPECIALLY SINCE PRELIMINARY VERSIONS MAY CONTAIN
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. A FINAL REPORT ON ELECTRICAL
APPLIANCES WAS PRESENTED AT TSG APRIL 20 MEETING;

COPIES HAVE BEEN SENT TO COMMERCE (GLICK) AND STATE (GEBER AND COCHRAN).

4. RE PARA 7, REF C, ACCJ CHAIRMAN OF TSG "UNILATERAL" AUTOMOBILES SUBCOMMITTEE COMPLETED HIS INITIAL PROGRESS REPORT AT APRIL 20 SESSION AND THEN, IN SCENARIO THAT HAD RECEIVED PRIOR ENDORSEMENT FROM U.S. AUTO REPS, SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT NOW BE APPROPRIATE FOR U.S. INDUSTRY REPS TO CONTINUE DIALOGUE, AT LEAST ON AUTO STANDARDS, IN AN INFORMAL SESSION HELD DIRECTLY WITH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (MOT). MITI REP (HANAOKA) ENDORSED THE IDEA OF AN INFORMAL SESSION BUT SAID THAT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE WIDER JAPANESE PARTICIPATION, E.G., MITI, KEIDANREN, JETRO. MITI REP SAID HE WOULD AGAIN TRY TO CONVINCE MOT THAT IT SHOULD JOIN IN SUCH A MEETING AND SUGGESTED MAY 10. ALL PRESENT AGREED WITH THE MITI PROPOSAL.

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